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SUBJECT: MOVEOF EMBASSY INTO NEW OFFICE BUILDING

SUMMARY: THIS MESSAGE IS TO ALERT CNERNED AREAS IN THE DEPARTMENT AND THE REGIONAL OFFICES TO THE SCHEDULED TIMING OF THE MOVE OF THE EMBASSY TO THE NEW OFFICE BUILDING (NOB) AND TO THE NEED FOR CAREFUL COORDINATION BY THOSE OFFICES AND THE EMBASSY OF THE ARRANGEMENTS FOR PROCUREMENT, DELIVERY AND INSTALLATION OF EQUIPMENT AND FURNISHINGS TO INSURE THAT SCHEDULED TIMING CAN BE MET. END SUMMARY.

1. CONSTRUCTION OF NOB IS PROGRESSING WITH EVERY INDICATION THAT THE BUILDING WILL BE COMPLETED AND TURNED OVER TO THE USG NO LATER THAN THE TARGETED COMPLETION DATE, AUGUST 9, 1976. THE CONTRACTOR HAS ASSURED THE EMBASSY THAT THE AREA NECESSARY FOR THE DEDICATION OF THE BUILDING WILL BE FINISHED BY THE FIRST OF JULY, IF CAN BE WORKED OUT, THE OFFICIAL DEDICATION CEREMONY WILL BE HELD ON JULY 4, 1976 AS DESIRED BY THE AMBASSADOR. THE CONTRACTOR HAS ALSO AGREED TO ACCESS BY USG INSTAL-
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LATION TEAMS (TELEPHONES, COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT,

ETC.) PRIOR TO THE ACTUAL TURNOVER OF THE COMPLETED BUILDING.

2. BASED ON THE ABOVE AND ON INDICATIONS FROM THE VARIOUS OFFICES IN THE DEPARTMENT CONCERNING STATUS OF ORDERS, SCHEDULED DELIVERY DATES, AVAILABILITY OF INSTALLATION TEAMS, ETC., IT IS REALISTIC TO PLAN THE FIRST WEEK OF SEPTEMBER AS "MOVING DAY" FOR THE MISSION. THE TIMING DEPENDS, OF COURSE, ON THE FOLLOWING: THE CONTRACTOR STAYING ON SCHEDULE (SOMETHING OVER WHICH WE HAVE NO CONTROL) AND THE ABILITY OF THE EMBASSY, THE DEPARTMENT AND THE REGIONAL OFFICES TO COORDINATE TIMELY PROCUREMENT, DELIVERY AND INSTALLATION OF SPECIAL EQUIPMENT (I.E., COMMUNICATION AND SECURITY EQUIPMENT, SCHEDULING OF INSTALLATION TEAMS) AND FURNITURE AND FURNISHINGS.

3. THE PURPOSE OF THIS MESSAGE IS TWOFOLD: (A) TO INFORM THE DEPARTMENT OF THE TIMING AND (B) TO ENLIST ITS ASSISTANCE IN CONTINUING TO INSURE THAT MATTERS RELATING TO THE MOVE ARE GIVEN THE ATTENTION NECESSARY TO ENABLE THE SCHEDULE TO BE MET. THE EMBASSY WILL BE FOLLOWING UP ON SPECIFIC SUBJECTS BY SEPTELS.
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